GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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HIKE IN CALL CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has increased the charges of making a telephone call from the capital to the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the facts of the matter and from when this hike in telephone charges has been made;

(c) whether the approval of Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been obtained for this hike; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for hike?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The pulse rate has been revised as per Annexure and implemented w.e.f. 18-02-2005.

(c) Tariffs are under fore bearance and are within the prescribed limits given by Telecom. Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). Hence, only intimation to TRAI has been given.

(d) The revision has been necessitated to offset the loss to MTNL in the interconnection regime.

ANNEXURE

PURSE RATE IN SECONDS

Distance slab in Kms.	Basic to Basic		Basic to WLL(m)		Basic to Cell	
Peak/off peak hours	Existing	Revised	Existing	Revised	Existing	Revised
Call to adjoining areas	180	120	90	60	90	60

NCR stations with code

Distance	Station	Code
0-50	Ghaziabad	95-120
0-50	Noida	95-120
0-50	Faridabad	95-129
0-50	Sonepat	95-130
0-50	Bahadurgarh	95-1276
0-50	Gurgaon	95-124
0-50	Modi Nagar	95-1232
0-50	Sikandrabad	95-5735